

Habitation within his Hundred, and there require of the Master, Mistress, C H A P. Dame, or other chief Person of the Family, a true List from under their XV. Hands of all their Taxable Persons, distinctly to be named, they and every of them have within their respective Families: Out of which List the said Constable shall make two fair \* Lists under his Hand; and one he shall send to the Sheriff of the County, and the other he shall present to the next County Court, to be set up.

\* By 1719, *ch. 12*, §. 6 and 7, Constables shall return their Lists of Taxables to the Sheriff, by the 1st of *August* yearly; shall carry unsettled Freemen before a Magistrate to give Security for their Levy, or be committed: And for not pursuing the Directions of these two Acts in taking and returning Taxables, shall forfeit 500<sup>lb</sup> Tobacco; one Half to the County-Schools, the other Half to the Informer.

Habitation in their Hundred, by the 20th of *June* yearly, and demand a List of Taxables, &c.

IV. And in case any Master, Mistress, Dame, or other chief Person of a Family, shall refuse, deny or delay to give such List, or in their Absence leave at their Dwelling-houses, or Quarters, such a List and Account of their Taxable Persons of their several Families, or in the said Account shall conceal any Taxable Person or Persons, in his or their Family; for every such Offence, or not giving a true List or Account of them as aforesaid, to the Constable by the Time required, and for every Taxable Person by them concealed, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Five Hundred Pounds of Tobacco for every such Offence, † one Half thereof to his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, for the Support of Government, the other Half to the Informer, or him or them that will sue for the same; to be recovered in any County Court within this Province, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information, wherein no Essoin, Protection or Wager of Law to be allowed.

† By 1719, *ch. 12*, §. 2, Masters, &c. of Families concealing any Taxable, or not giving true Account thereof, pursuant to this Clause; shall, for every Taxable so concealed, or not given in, forfeit 500<sup>lb</sup> Tobacco, one Half to the County-School, the other to the Informer.

Masters, &c. of Families refusing or delaying, &c. to give such List; or concealing any Taxable, forfeit for every such Offence, and for every Taxable concealed, 500<sup>lb</sup> Tobacco.

V. And for the better ascertaining what Persons are, and shall be deemed Taxables, and what not; Be it Enacted, That all Male Persons, Residents in this Province, and all ‖ Female Slaves therein, of the Age of Sixteen Years, or above, shall be accounted Taxables; except Clergymen of the Church of *England*, having Benefices within this Province, and likewise such poor People as receive Alms from the County, and also all such Slaves as shall be adjudged by the County Court to be past Labour, who are hereby exempted; any Law, Usage, or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

‖ All Female Mulattoes born of White Women; and all Free Negro Women shall be Taxables, by 1725, *ch. 4*.

What Persons shall be accounted Taxables. What Persons are excepted.

VI. And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, That all Constables within this Province shall obey, and are hereby obliged to execute; all Warrants and Precepts to them directed from any Justice or Justices within this Province, touching or concerning any Matter, Debt or Demand between Party and Party: And such Constable shall and may have, take, exact and receive from the Party complaining, a Fee of Two Shillings and Six-pence Current Money, or Thirty Pounds of Tobacco, for serving all the Precepts relating to any one Action, Matter or Demand, and no more.

Constables to obey and execute all Warrants, &c.

Their Fee.

VII. Provided, That where several Constables are to be employed in executing Precepts relating to one and the same Matter or Demand, the Justice before whom such Matter or Demand is determined, shall and may direct what Fee, not exceeding Two Shillings and Six-pence, or Thirty Pounds of Tobacco, each Constable shall have: Which Fee or Fees are to be levied by way of Execution on the Party complaining; and to be allowed the Party recovering, in his Costs.

Where several Constables are employed in one Demand; how they shall be paid.

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